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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 June 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 30 June 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

2. Claims 6, 7, and 14-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for the structure that defines the tool magazine, i.e. a tubular portion and a raised portion adapted to engage the tool, does not reasonably provide enablement for "inhibit[ing] rotation of the tool when the manipulator rotates...". The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make the invention commensurate in scope with these claims. The examiner fails to find any support for how the tool magazine inhibits rotation, as the tool magazine does not appear to be connected to anything, i.e. there appears to be no physical structure, or element, which would counteract the rotational forces of the rotating manipulator. Appropriate correction and/or clarification is required. The applicant is reminded that 35 U.S.C. 132(a) states that no amendment shall introduce new matter into the disclosure of the invention.

3. Normally a claim, or claims, which fail(s) to comply with the first and/or second paragraph of 35 USC 112, will not be analyzed as to whether it is patentable over the prior art since to do so would of necessity require speculation with regard to the metes and bounds of the claimed subject matter.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

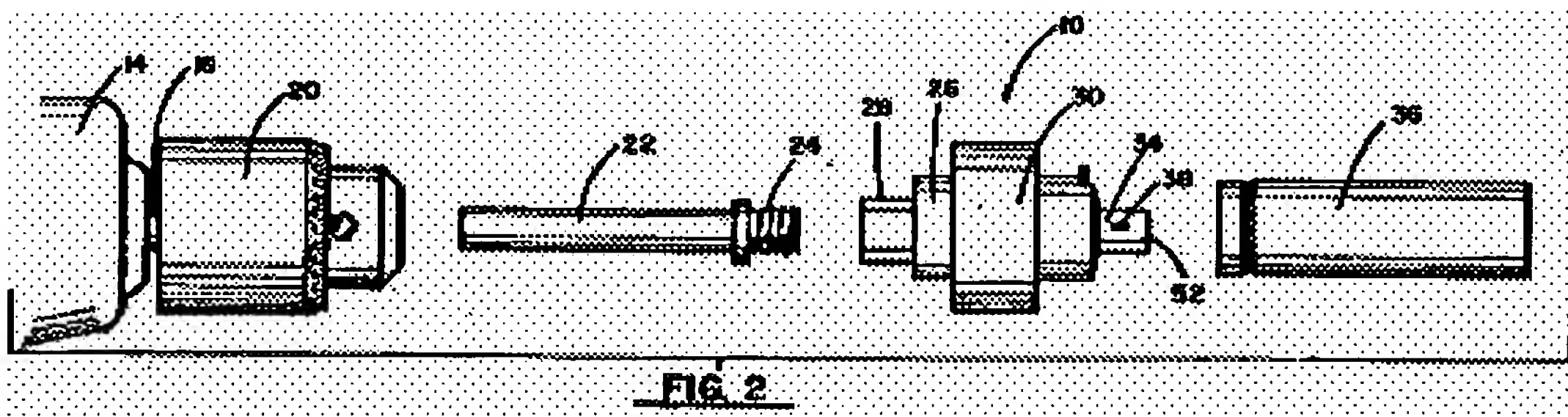
4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1, 3, 5, 8, 9, 12, and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Harper (5,282,638).

Harper discloses an apparatus for coupling a tool to a manipulator having a spindle, i.e. a drill, the apparatus having a first adapter with a spindle mounting portion 22 and a first threaded portion 24, a second adapter 10 with a second threaded portion 28 and a tool mating portion 34, and a socket to be driven by the device.



Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 3, 4, and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable

over Harper ('638), as applied above.

Regarding claim 3, the limitation of a specific prime mover, e.g. a multi-axis robot, has been considered by the examiner, however, in the context of the claimed invention, has no particular bearing upon the structural limitations of the adapter portions, and furthermore, appears to be a known prime mover as admitted by the applicant in the Background and Summary of Invention. With respect to claims 4 and 10, Harper provides the adapter arrangement where the first adapter has a male threaded portion and the second adapter has a female threaded portion, however, claims 4 and 10 merely reverse the male and female threaded portions, respectively. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have provided a female threaded portion for the first threaded portion and a male threaded portion for the second threaded portion, since it has been held that a mere reversal of the essential working parts of a device involves only routine skill in the art. *In re Gazda*, 219 F.2d 449, 104 USPQ 400 (CCPA 1955).

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon, at this time, is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David B. Thomas whose telephone number is (571) 272-4497. The examiner can normally be reached on 10-7 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph J. Hail can be reached on (571) 272-4485. The fax phone number

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for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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